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SUB(: ISRAELI DISPUTE WITH UN OVER CHECKPOINTS

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1. I AM CONCERNED THAT ATTITUDES EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 AND LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 15 REFTEL, (PARTICULARLY WORDS "WE HOPE THAT ISRAELIS WILL NOT IMPEDE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT MERELY TO REINFORCE ISRAELI PRINCIPLE OF NOT DEALING THROUGH THIRD PARTIES") (SUGGESTS WE AND UN RISK MISSING AND IMPORTANT POINT IN CURRENT SITUATION. MY UNDERSTANDING OF US POLICY TOWARD ENTIRE COMPLEX OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN CEASEFIRE ARRANGEMENTS IS THAT IT IS BASED ON US PRINCIPLE OF MINIMIZING TO EXTENT POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL OUTSIDE PARTIES, INCLUDING UN, US AND ANYONE ELSE. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY URGED ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS TO TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND NOT TO LOOK TO OUTSIDERS.

2. I DO NOT WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ISRAELIS' BEHAVIOR ON GROUND YESTERDAY IN THEIR DISPUTE WITH UN WAS NECESSARILY CORRECT
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OR JUSTIFIED. I AM CERTAINLY NOT ENDORSING DELAYS IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS ON GROUND; BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF BUILDING BASIS FOR FUTURE PEACE TALKS, WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO UN HEADQUARTERS (IF THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE) THAT USG

REGARDS SIILASVUO'S PROPER ROLE AS STRIVING TO BRING EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER IN DIRECT DISCUSSIONS. AS WE SEE IT, THE LESS INVOLVEMENT OF SIILASVUO IN THE PROCESS, THE MORE SUCCESSFUL HIS MISSION.

3. IN BRIEF, CURRENT NEGOTIATING PROCESS GOING ON WEST OF CANAL WILL BE MAJOR FACTOR IN DETERMING WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE ANY MEANINGFUL EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE NEGOTIATIONS; IN THIS RESPECT, PROCESS ITSELF IS IMPORTANT PER SE. IN OTHER WORDS, A GREAT DEAL MORE HANGS IN BALANCE IN CONNECTION WITH ISRAELI EFFORT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH EGYPTIANS THAN JUST SPEED WITH WHICH THIS OR THAT CHECKPOINT ISSUE IS RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT ON MY UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POLICY.
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